An Unwritten Law of Proceedure in Electing Officers May be Abandoned by

WEST VIRGINIA GRAND LODGE.

F. C. Reynolds' Fight for Grand Prelate Forced the Issue at this Meeting.

RAVENSWOOD COMPANY WINS

The Prize Drill Contest Over Sistersville--Imp Drill, Banquet and Other Features.

To-day is the last day of the annual meeting of the West Virginia grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, in Wheeling, and the most interesting feature will be the election of officers, and this year's election is of far more interest than usual, for the reason that a determined effort is being made to induce the grand lodge to break away from the custom (which has become well nigh an unwritten law) of rotating officers into promotion each year, from outer guard up. The advocates of the plan of filling each office only with regard to the fitness of the aspirants, and without following the arbitrary rule of the past, which could on occa sion place the highest office in the hands of persons entirely unfitted for important executive duties such as devolve upon the grand chancellor, claim to have met with considerable encouragement in their campaign among the rep-

resentatives to the grand lodge.

They have centered their fight on the office of grand prelate, to which B. F. Sayre, of Grafton, grand arms, would become heir if they should fail in their effort to bring about the new order of things. As their candidate for grand prelate they have put forward as strong a man as could be secured, Mr. F. C. Reynolds, of Keyser, a knight of conceded ability. It is urged that the Knights of Pythias' gain last year was only 143 in West Virginia, while other secret societies made much larger gains, and some one well known over the state is needed to bring new blood into an order that should of itself attract large increases every year. Mr. Reynolds, it is urged, is such a man. His friends are not throwing dirt at any other aspirant for the office, but they claim that it is far better for each office to stand on its own bottom, and that there is no precedent

For keeper of records and seals there are two aspirants, the present incum-bent, Maner Jenkins, of Piedmont, and Charles O. Roemer, of this city. Jenkins' friends say he will win three to one or more. On the other hand, Mr. Roemer is still confident that he will make a strong bid for the office. Mr. Roemer's canvass has been handicapped by the really excellent record made by Mr. Jenkins in the office dur-ing several years past, but the argument of his friends that the Pythian headquarters should come to Wheeling, where those of nearly all the other orders are located, is a strong one.

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vancement.

For the office of outer guard, which means eventual advancement to grand chancellor if the rotating system is not knocked out to-day, there are several candidates, including Morgan Jenkins, of Hartford City; Leo Schaefer, of Sewell; Pack, of Moundsville, and P. H. Lawyer, of Berkeley Springs.

The grand lodge transacted little but routine business yesterday. This morning's session will begin at 8 o'clock, and the business of the meeting may be con-

GRAND LODGE SESSION Yesterday Devoted to the Transaction of Routine Business.

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The matter of the place of meeting for next year was taken up, and two towns were in the field, Morgantown and Elizabeth, the latter located in Wirt county, and reached from Parkersburg by the Little Kanawha rallroad. Morgantown won out overwhelmingly, the vote standing ninety-eight for Morgantown, and nine for Elizabeth.

A large part of the sessions was taken up is the discussion of changes in the by-laws, and several changes were made, but none of them was important or radical.

The several standing committees made their reports, which were received and acted upon.

The committee on necrology reported appropriately on the death of twelve members of the grand lodge during the year just ended.

The election of officers and other important business will be transacted at the session this morning, which opens at 8 o'clock, and the lodge will likely adjourn without an afternoon session.

Through Guard "Tolt" Neale, of Moundsville, who is a Pythian, an immense wooden key to the state penitentary, finely gilded and festooned with gally colored ribbons, was presented to the grand lodge, accompanied by an invitation to the Pythians to visit the "pen" this week. Grand Keeper of Records and Seals Jenkins referred to the invitation humorously, speaking of the penitentiary as the State Hotel. The invitation and key were accepted and a vote of thanks tendered Warden Sam A. Hawk and his staff. Many of the Pythian visitors will visit the "pen" before leaving for their homes to-night and to-morrow.

lodge prize drill, with \$156 in prizes offered by the lodge, the contest open to
Uniform Rank companies in this state.
In addition, the general committee on
entertainment offered \$350 in prizes,
\$250 to first and \$190 to second for the
beat drilled companies from any state
or domain. For the committee drills it
was expected the Uhrichsville, Washington, (Pa.) and other companies out
of the state would contest, but they
falled to materialize, and the committee thereupon decided to divide this
money equally between the Parkersburg, Sistersville and Ravenswood
companies which appeared yesterday
afternoon at the ball park. This anmouncement was made to the crowd of
\$2,000 or more people who filled the grand
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It was nearly 4 o'clock when the Parkersburg company, in their natty white uniforms, appeared on the smooth and level diamond, which made an ideal drilling ground. A drill, largely made up of fancy movements, was given by the company, and the various evolutions were received with enthusiasm by the crowd.

The Evolutions.

Then came the contest for the grand lodge prizes, with Ravenswood company, Captain W. E. Hoyt in command, pany, Captain W. E. Hoyt in command, and Sistersville company, Captain Backon commanding, competing. For this event the schedule of evolutions was announced as follows, with Major H. B. Baguley, late surgeon in the volunteer army; Lieutenant Miler, of the regular army, recruiting officer here, and Captain W. H. Travis, as the judges:

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Part I—Inspection—March on parade ground and salute the judges; dismiss the company; form the company; open ranks; condition of swords; uniforms, conditions and regulation; equipments; unilitary bearing; general appearance; close ranks; return swords.

Part II—School of the Knight—Attention; rest; attention; at ease; parade rest; about face; right face, wiee; right hand salute; march in line 20 paces and change step twice; march in line, execute to the right; and halt; march in line, execute to the right; and halt; march in line, execute to the right; alignment by file, forward to the right; alignment by file backward to the right; alignment by file backward to the right; alignment by file backward to the right; ours right; change direction to the right; re-form line, continue the march 20 paces and halt; raw swords

Part III—School of the Company—Being in line, single rank, form double rank; march by the right fank; re-form line to the left, double rank, form double rank; march by the right fank; re-form line to the left, double rank; and more of fours; marching in line, pass obstacle, re-form line, more to the front; march hy the right fank; re-form line in single rank; forward 20 paces, and change direction to the right; more fours; formarding in line, pass obstacle, re-form line, more to the front, march to the rear and repeat the movement; marching in line, pass obstacle, re-form line, march in column of fours to the front; marching in column. form line to the right, move forward, and then execute on right into line; march in line, march in column of platoons to the front; marching in column of platoons of the right; move forward and halt; being in line, davance in line of platoons to the front; merching in column of platoons, form line to the front; move forward and pate the movement; marching in column of platoons, form line to the front; move forward and pate and halt; being in line, advance in line of platoons in colum

hat. IV.—Sword Exercise—In a line at a hat. deploy the division from the right, present; sword arm-rest; support; reverse; word arm-rest; support; reverse; ungection; right shoulder cross; guard; thrust; front cut; right downward cut; front point; rear point; rear point; rear cut; carry; paraderest; kneel; rest on swords; carry; close intervals on center; report to sentor judge and march company off drill ground. The Contest Begins.

Ravenswood company first came the field, and their appearance was the signal for general cheering by the crowd. The company was made up of the following sir knights: RAVENSWOOD COMPANY.

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Captain—W. E. Hoyt.
First Lieutenant—J. E. McGlothlin.
Second Lieutenant—R. S. Brown.
W. L. McCowan.
G. W. Taylor.
W. M. McKelvey.
W. J. L. Rogers,
C. E. Crum.
G. W. Kamysber,
G. T. Weaver,
J. V. Armstrong,
M. E. Baer.

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Captain Hoyt's men showed remarkable proficiency and went through the various evolutions with a precision that was pleasing to the spectators. Sisteraville company, Captain Backon, followed, and their many friends gave them the glad hand in fine style. Sistersville company is of comparative youthfulness, and its showing, while not quite so good as that of Ravenswood, was better than even their friends had anticipated. Sistersville company's line-up was as follows:

SISTEIRSVILLE COMPANY.

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Captain—F. M. Hackor.
First Lieutenant—Chris. Henderson,
Second Lieutenant—F. E. Haslett.
H. D. Appleby,
G. B. McCoy,
G. C. Cuter,
W. J. Brown,
E. B. Harper,
F. M. Cassidy,
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had been several years since he had last seen the West Virginia companies assembled at Parkersburg. Since then a number of new companies had been organised, and since coming to Wheeling he had been promised two additional companies in the near future. To the companies already formed, he gave advice to look out else the newcomers eclipse them in knightly proficiency.

All the companies, Parkersburg, Sistersville, Ravenswood, Wheeling and others, should go from this encampment with the strong determination to make the West Virginia brigade what it should be. To-day the Pythian Uniform Rank has a better record than any other secret society in the country. Over 6,000 loyal knights fought under the Stars and Stripes in the late Spanish war and the present Philippins war. Out of the Pythian ranks President Mc-Kinley and the secretary of war selected four of his volunteer brigadier generals, over twenty colonies and many other line and field officers. This statement by the speaker brought forth cheers from the azambled knights.

"At San Juan," said the general, "one of the brwest of the officers of Rooseveit's Rough Riders was killed leading his company in that famous charge. Before the war he was captain of one of our Arisona companies. Colonel Ed. McConville, of Idaho, fell at Manila on the fourth of last February, leading his regiment. He was the colonel of the First Idaho regiment. Uniform Rank. The man who ran up the first American flag in Manila was a lieutenant in the Uniform Rank before entering the volunteer service. That is the record you have been making, and I want to see you show the kind of citizen sodders that can be furnished the United States from the Pythian ranks now or hereafter. (Cheers.) You have just elected a new brigadler, General Lancaster, and I want you to help him. He will do his part and I am sure you will do yours—then success is bound to come to you. I expect to meet every West Virginia knight who cares to come in." (Cheers.)

Then there were cries for Lancaster, and the modest Wheeling

Ravenswood company.
"He's all right," came the response,

and
"Who's all right?" was the refrain, to

which came
"Lancaster!" in a roar.
The award of the judges on the grand
odge contest was then announced, as

follows:

First—Ravenswood company.

Second—Sistersville company.

This was received with cheers by the

Parkersburg and Sistersville companies. Then the companies formed, and,
headed by Meister's band, marched over
the Island to the city.

BLACK PRINCE ENTERTAINS

Pythian Visitors by Exemplifying the Page and Knight Ranks.

In a newly furnished apartment, on a new and larger stage and with a completely new set of paraphernalia, Black Prince lodge No. 19 last night entertained hundreds of the Pythian visitors by ed hundreds of the Pythian visitors by exemplifying the page and knight ranks. The team of the lodge worked without a hitch at any point, and the justiy sarned reputation as one of the crack teams of the country was more than upheld, and the visitors were unanimous and enthusiastic in their praise of the work performed for their enter-tainingent. Black Prince lodge spent \$500 for the row resuberrails and will of the work performed for their enter-tainment. Black Prince lodge spent \$600 for the new paraphernalia, and will now enter on a vigorous campaign for new members. Last year this lodge took in many new members, and the of-ficers are determined to eclipse their past records the coming waiter. Al-ready Black Prince is the largest lodge in the state, and it is not likely that the post of honor will be wrested.

THE "IMP" DRILL

By Parkersburg Company last Night was a Fine Feature.

One of the finest features of the week was the "imp" drill last night on Market street, between Twelfth and Fourteenth, by Parkersburg Company Market street, between I well and Fourteenth, by Parkersburg Company No. 3, U. R., under command of Capt. S. B. Baker. When the drill began at 8:39 o'clock, there were thousands of spectators massed on the sidewalks, and others were forced into the street proper, but the crush was not so great as on Wednesday night, when the crowd was massed in front of the McLure. The drill was most enjoyable. The company were dressed in impish costumes, with painted faces, and they looked the part without a doubt, especially Captain Baker, who looked "positively devilish," as one fair spectator remarked in an aside that was not expected to be heard by the reporter. The grand finale was pulled off at the corner of Fourteenth and Market streets, when a huge pile of fireworks in the center of the street was set off, and the "devilis" danced in a style that was really statale.

A FINE BANQUET

ndered to Ravenswood Parkersburg Companies Last Night. Last night, at 10 o'clock, at the Hotel Windsor, the local general committee on entertainment tendered a banquet to the Ravenswood and Parkersburg companies of the Uniform Bank, the latter of which so graciously gave the Imp drill last night, while Ravenswood company had attempted without success to give a similar drill on Wednesday night. The affair was one of the most

with himself and his neighbors, and soon the minutes were speeding along on wings. The first tosat, proposed by Mr. Shuck, "The Uniform Rank," was heartily responded to by all present. In proposing the tosat, Mr. Shuck said that on Wednesday night the people of Wheeling had such a high opinion of the Ravenswood company that they crowded them off the streets, but on the second night, when the streets had been kept clear, by police, the drill had proceeded, and was greatly enjoyed. It was singular, said the spenker, that the Wheeling police should be called on to protect these representatives of his Satanic majesty. Captain S. B. Baker, of Parkersburg company, briefly thanked his Wheeling entertainers. There were two towns in West Virginia, said he, where convivality reigns supreme when a grand lodge or other body is in session—Wheeling and Parkersburg—and on all occasions each of these helped the other handsomely. He hoped the good feeling shown to each would continue. Captain (but now it is Colonel) W. E. Hoyt, commanding the Rayenswood company, was the next speaker, and he thanked the Wheeling Sir Knights heartily for the fine entertainment provided this week, and said this year's meeting had been unusually successful.

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General E. F. Durrand, inspector general of the Uniform Rank body, responded to the toast, "The West Virginia Grand Lodge Session of 1899." He spoke of the importance of the Pythian work, and complimented Wheeling upon the success of the meeting.

Past Grand Chancellor Paul Prager, of Parkersburg, responded to the toast, "Our Grand Lodge." He referred to the great advances made by Pythianism in the little Mountain State.

Supreme Representative F. A. Lang, responded to the toast, "Our Supreme Lodge." speaking of its important relations to the order at large.

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Chairman Gus H. Medick, of the general committee, spoke of the committee's work, the preparations for the the meeting, and expressed gratification over the pleasure that had been given the visitors here this week.

Toastmaster Shuck then closed by thanking the visiting Sir Knights for their attendance, and referred eloquently to the excellence of the visiting companies. He believed the knights would remember their visit to Wheeling with pleasure; it had been the aim of the committee to encourage such a feeling.

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THE ALASKAN DISPUTE.

A Temporary Arrangement has Been

A Temporary Arrangement has Been Agreed to.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—Sir Louis Henry Davies, Canadian minister of marine and fisheries, informs the Associated Press that he has given Canadia's consent to a temporary arrangement of the Alaskan dispute. This has practically settled the whole matter for the time being, as the main features of the arrangements were originally suggested by the United States.

Colonel John Hay, the American secretary of state, will sign the last papers within a few days, and Reginald Tower. British charge d'affaires, in Washington, will ratify on behalf of Great Britain.

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"The terms agreed upon are simply a
line drawn across Chilkat Pass, deliminated by the river and mountain top. It
has absolutely no significance except
that we hope thereby to avert local friction. Of course an arrival at even a
temporary agreement is satisfactory.
So far as the original contention is concerned, we are just as misty as ever. I
see no signs of reaching an immediate
settlement.
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"Canada relinquishes no claim by her assent to this temporary arrangement and she has not the slightest intention of allowing her original contention to lapse into obscurity. It is not our purpose to permit this new understanding to extend a day longer than is necessary. The fact that I am returning to Canada must not be taken to indicate that a settlement will be reached by the date of my leaving England. My return is necessitated by matters altogether outside the Alaskan affair. "I am, however, working in conjunc-

"I am, however, working in conjunc-tion with the colonial office on the case. It will not come before the joint high commission unless a diplomatic settle-ment is previously attained."

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